

Amendments to the Specification

Please **delete** the paragraph beginning at line 1 on page 1:

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Please **add** the following paragraph at page 1, line 6:

-- This application claims the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of International Application PCT/EP03/02786, filed March 18, 2003, which was published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on October 9, 2003 in English and which claims the benefit of German patent application No. 10214397.8, filed March 30, 2002. --